



Clayton High School PTO

Minutes of the CHS PTO Meeting
February 1, 2021 @ 6 pm via ZOOM

Meeting called to order by Stephanie Abbajay.

Attendance: Stephanie Abbajay, Valerie Brinkman, Celeste Gillette, Chris Lewis, Katie Sandquist, Stephanie Gross, Dan Gutchewsky, Jessica, T'Shon Young, Nancy Donohoo, Alan Wolf, Gina Bernstein, Gina, Silvia, Tarita Rhimas, Noelle, Paula, Maria

1. Welcome – Stephanie Abbajay

2. Financial Report – Stephanie Abbajay for Gina Bernstein:

Our current bank balance is \$61,511.78.

We've received \$12,000 in donations this year.

So far this year we've spent \$5,569:

 \$1,744 on student planners (the PTO always shares the cost of these with CHS)

 \$3,825 on staff appreciation (185, \$25 gift cards to Pastaria Wine & Deli)

Very few additional expenditures anticipated for the remainder of the school year, with the exception of Staff Appreciation.

3. Principal's Report – Dan Gutchewsky

- Gift cards greatly appreciated by the staff
- Already thinking about next year
- 650 students in person split between morning and afternoon
 - afternoon is larger than morning
 - involvement in athletics could switch to afternoon
- New superintendent starting July 1
- Dan Henderson named MO strings teacher of the year
- Four retirements: Mr Horas, Social Studies, and three music directors.
- In the midst of hiring for those four positions
- Starting online course registration this year
 - Videos will be posted next week
 - Program of Studies will be electronically posted next week
- No definitive decisions yet about 4th quarter.
- Students can always switch to Learn at Home, but cannot switch back to Learn at School mid quarter. Requests can be made at start of 4th quarter.
- P/T Conferences mid-March. Will be virtual, by invitation.
- Will not be able to have prom. Looking at feasibility of alternative events.

- Graduation is scheduled for May 27th. Currently have a contract with Chaifetz Arena. Can't be any more than 300 people. Not allowing outside events. Looking at options for a socially distanced event. Asked to be penciled in for an outdoor event.
- Athletics is starting to allow spectators - 2 per home participant.
- Fall 2021 - we don't know what it will look like yet, but we are hoping we can reduce some requirements and return to a bit of normalcy.
- March 3rd is PSAT for sophomores and SAT for juniors - remote learning day.
- It is National School Counseling Week so thank a counselor.

Questions:

- Will it be mandatory for kids to be vaccinated? (Stephanie Gross)? Dan: Legally it's difficult for a school to mandate a vaccination that is not mandated by the state, so no.
- Will there be any in-person student activities in the spring? (Stephanie Abbajay)? Dan: The musical is online. Band and Orchestra might perform in person with no audience and stream performance.
- How is the school district monitoring student performance during this time? (Nancy Donohoo)? Dan: Watching grades and engagement closely and comparing to previous years data. Surveying kids for social emotional wellness.
- When will teachers get the vaccine? (Nancy Donogoo). Dan: Unsure. School signed up as an organization as soon as vaccine information was released and school nurses offered to become volunteer Mercy employees, but unfortunately don't have a date yet. The district is on the list. Hoping by the end of 3rd quarter.

4. Activities Report – T'Shon Young

- Trying to make some kind of memory for prom for this year. Prom 2020 scheduled for April 30, 2022 at Windows on Washington.
- Wednesday is National Girls and Women in Sports Day - can order gear or apparel to support that day
 - Streaming girls' basketball game on Wednesday, also senior night
- 2 spectators per home athlete for sporting events
- Softball will have a short season starting Feb. 22nd.

Questions:

- For kids who have had COVID within the last 6 months, do they need a waiver for sports? (Stephanie Gross) T'Shon: Yes, if you are a spring athlete and have not played a sport yet and have been exposed or had COVID, you do need to have that form completed.

5. Committee Reports

- None

Motion to adjourn: Gina, 2nd: Nancy Donohoo

Adjourn – NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 1 at 6 pm

Submitted by Valerie Brinkman, Secretary

